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REMARKS

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The last office action has been carefully considered.

Claims 1 -7 and 10, 12-14, 16- 23 are canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein.

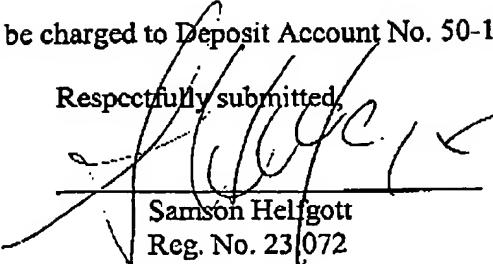
In the last office action the Examiner stated that claims 24,25,27 and 31 were allowed. The examiner also stated that claims 8,9,11 and 15 would be allowable if amended un independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and ay intervening claims . Claims 8,9,11 and 15 have all been redrafted into independent form. Independent amended claim 8 now substantially incorporates the subject matter of claims 1 and 8. Independent amended claim 9 now substantially incorporates the subject matter of claims 1 and 9. Independent amended claims 11 now substantially incorporates the subject matter of claims 1, 10 and 11. Independent amended claim 15 now substantially incorporates the subject matter of claims 1 and 15.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, it is respectfully requested that the claims remaining in the present application be passed to issue.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Any fee due with this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1290.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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